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1. DRAWING ON STATE REFTELS, EMBASSY OFFICERS DISCUSSED U.S. VIEWS FOR CONSTRUCTIVE 7TH SS WITH WALTER STUBBS, SECOND-RANKING FOREIGN MINISTRY ECONOMIC OFFICER, AND FERNANDO GUILLEN, FOREIGN MINISTRY TRADE SPECIALIST. NEITHER OFFICER HAD SPECIFIC POINTS TO MAKE RE OUR AGENDA SUGGESTIONS.

2. BOTH OFFICERS WERE OF THE OPINION THAT SOLIDARITY OF NAC AND GROUP OF 77 HAS CONTINUED UNIMPAIRED IN RECENT MONTHS AND THAT THE LDC'S WILL GO TO 7TH SS AS UNIFIED
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AS EVER. GUILLEN THEN MENTIONED THAT THE SEARING

EXPERIENCE MANY DELEGATIONS EXPERIENCED AT UNIDO LIMA CONFERENCE IN MARCH, WHEN IN THE FINAL HOURS U.S. DELEGATION VOTED AGAINST OVERALL LIMA DECLARATION AFTER HAVING WORKED OUT NUMBEROUS COMPROMISES IN DRAFTING COMMITTEE (LIMA 3424), HAS LED MANY LDC'S TO EXPECT A SIMILAR EXPERIENCE AT THE FORTHCOMING 7TH SS. GUILLEN SAID THAT IF THE U.S. INTENDS TO USE SIMILAR TACTICS IN FUTURE MEETINGS BETWEEN DC'S AND LDC'S THERE WOULD BE LITTLE USE IN ATTEMPTING TO WORK OUT COMPROMISES IN INTERNATIONAL FORA.

3. BOTH OFFICIALS SAID THAT NON-ALIGNED MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST IN LIMA SHOULD SERVE AS POINT OF COORDINATION FOR LDC'S PRIOR TO 7TH SS. AT THIS POINT, BOTH ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR PERSONAL DESIRE THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER MIGHT BE ABLE TO UNDERTAKE A TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA (INCLUDING PERU), HOPEFULLY PRIOR TO MEETING OF 7TH SS, SO THAT BOTH SIDES WOULD BE ABLE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DC/LDC ISSUES TO REDUCE LIKELIHOOD OF IMPASSE IN NEW YORK.

4. BOTH OFFICIALS LAMENTED FACT THAT NAC GROUP HAS NO REGULAR SECRETARIAT, SUCH AS OECD FOR DC'S, SO THAT LDC'S HAVE TO COORDINATE POSITIONS AT BEGINNING OF INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS, RATHER THAN WORKING OUT DETAILS IN ADVANCE.

5. STUBBS SAID THAT HE WOULD TRY TO GET FOREIGN MINISTRY TO FOCUS ON U.S. INITIATIVES, BUT SAID FRANKLY THAT THIS WOULD BE DIFFICULT SINCE 7TH SS IS STILL SOME TIME AWAY "AND IS NOT A HOT ISSUE."

6. COMMENT: GIVEN PERU'S ASPIRATIONS FOR THIRD WORLD LEADERSHIP WITHIN LATIN AMERICA, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS HERE ARE NOT PRONE TO DISCUSS DIVERGENCIES WITHIN LDC RANKS AND OFFICIALS' VIEWS TO US REFLECT STANDARD VIEW THAT LDC'S WILL REMAIN UNIFIED DURING FORTHCOMING LIMA AND NEW YORK MEETINGS. WE SEE NO INDICATION THAT PERU PERCEIVES THAT IT WOULD BE IN ITS INTEREST TO DISCUSS VARIOUS U.S. AGENDA PROPOSALS INDEPENDENTLY OF NAC/G-77 CONTEXT. FURTHER, GOP OFFICIALS TEND TO RELY ON STANDARD RHETORIC RATHER THAN TO DEVELOP SUBSTANTIVE POSITIONS. THIS IS DUE TO FACT NOT ONLY THAT TOP GOP

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LEADERS ARE NOT EXPERTS ON COMPLEX TRADE, FINANCE, ENERGY, AND COMMODITY ISSUES, BUT ALSO THAT LEADERS TEND TO FOCUS ON THESE ISSUES ONLY AT THE TIME OF THE MEETING, NOT BEFORE. PROBLEM IS EXACERBATED BY FACT THAT FOREIGN AND FINANCE MINISTRIES HAVE SPOTTY COORDINATION AND ARE THIN ON SUBSTANTIVE TALENT AS WELL IN THESE AREAS.

7. ASIDE FROM SUBSTANCE OF ISSUES, GUILLEN'S REFERENCE

TO UNIDO EXPERIENCE IS NOTEWORTHY. ALTHOUGH HE PRESENTED HIS VIEWS THIS TIME IN CALM AND RESTRAINED MANNER, "MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER," HE CLEARLY IMPLIED THAT 7TH SS MUST BE VIEWED IN CONTEXT OF WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE. THUS, U.S. DECISION ON UNIDO LIMA DECLARATION INDICATED TO LDC'S EITHER DELIBERATE HARD-LINE USG POLICY DECISION TO CONFRONT THEM DIRECTLY OR LACK OF CLEAR FOCUS ON HOW USG INTENDS TO DEAL TACTICALLY WITH SUCH ISSUES IN THE FUTURE. HIS VIEWS, OF COURSE, PROBABLY IN PART REFLECT PERUVIAN DISAPPOINTMENT AS CONFERENCE HOSTS OVER RESULTS OF UNIDO ENDEAVORS, BUT ARE NONETHELESS WORTH REPORTING SINCE, IF THEY ARE WIDELY SHARED BY OTHER LDC DELEGATIONS, LDC'S MAY CONCLUDE THAT THEY CAN EXPECT MORE OF THE SAME AT THE 7TH SS.

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